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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 8 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.	4062nd (private) meeting*	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Afternoon**	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Sierra Leone

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

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* Mr. Wolfgang Petritsch, High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement in Bosnia and Herzegovina, will give a briefing to the Security Council at this private meeting. Member States wishing to attend may do so pursuant to rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

** Following the adjournment of the 4062nd (private) meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 48th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the sixth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/54/187) [53]

2. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fourth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/54/315) [51]

3 p.m. 49th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/108) [17 (h)]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 25th meeting Conference Room 2

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 26th meeting Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1 and Add. 1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 33rd meeting Conference Room 4

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

   (c) Women in development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.21

2. Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

   (a) High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.25

3. Environment and sustainable development [100]

   (b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (A/54/497, A/54/136-E/1999/89, A/54/132-E/1999/80, A/54/132/Add.1-E/1999/80/Add.1, A/54/135-E/1999/88, A/C.2/54/4)

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy) on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.19 *(point 104)*

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.7 *(item 100)*, A/C.2/54/L.14 *(100 (a))*, A/C.2/54/L.15 *(100 (c))*, A/C.2/54/L.16 and L.17 *(item 100)* and A/C.2/54/L.18 *(100 (d))*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491*)

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Introductory statement by the Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance

General discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.26

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491*)

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

4. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. III), A/54/7 and A/54/16)

Part IV: International cooperation for development

Environment (Part IV, section 12 and A/C.5/54/20) *(continued)*

Human settlements (Part IV, section 13 and A/C.5/54/16)

Crime prevention and criminal justice (Part IV, section 14)

International drug control (Part IV, section 15 and A/53/643)

Part V: Regional cooperation for development

Economic and social development in Africa (Part V, section 16)

Regional commission (Part V, section 16A)

Regional Commissions New York Office (Part V, section 16B)

Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific (Part V, section 17)

Economic development in Europe (Part V, section 18)

Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Part V, section 19)

Economic and social development in Western Asia (Part V, section 20)

Regular programme of technical cooperation (Part V, section 21)

General discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1st meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	2nd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

SIXTH COMMITTEE

6.15 p.m.-8 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session (agenda item 155)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

2. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

3. Executive session on the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS)

4. Executive session on temporary assistance for meetings: requirements for 2000-2001

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 9

Informal consultations: draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangaoela (Lesotho) on: (a) Report of the fourth special session of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1999/23/Add.1); and on Transportation of dangerous goods *(item 13 (g))* (E/1999/43 and E/1999/L.59); and (b) Draft decision on the participation of non-governmental organizations to the World Summit for Social Development in the work of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-eighth session

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (c)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas"), convened by the coordinators (Canada and Pakistan), on Monday, 8 November 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal briefing

In connection with issues under discussion in the Second Committee, Mr. D.R. Mehta, Chairman of the Securities Exchange Board of India, will give an informal briefing on the topic of "New Challenges for Equity Markets in Developing Countries" on Monday, 8 November 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

The Secretary of the Information Systems Coordination Committee (Geneva) will present the activities of the Committee with an on-line demonstration of tools developed by the Committee for Member organizations.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 8 November 1999

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9.30 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on items 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council), 98 (a) (Industrial development cooperation), 102 (Training and research) and 97 (d) (Science and Technology))

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on item 109: United Nations Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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In accordance with paragraph 86 of the report on the eleventh session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/54/39), informal consultations of the High-level Committee will be held on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the theme for the twelfth session of the Committee proposed by the Group of 77 and China entitled "The role of technical cooperation among developing countries in science and technology for development". The informal consultations is open to all Member States.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 9 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	50th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [33]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/259)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.11)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 1

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 4
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 3

* Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY

10 a.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultation on agenda item 28

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 28 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization) will take place on Tuesday, 9 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of a political declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935). A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Seminar

There will be a seminar entitled "A World Without Poverty: A Collaborative Approach to Strategic Poverty Reduction", organized by the World Bank, on Wednesday, 10 November 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Mr. Sarwar Lateef, Senior Advisor on Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank, will make a presentation. Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, will chair the seminar. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Discussion

The Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a discussion of a draft paper on "Resources for Social Development" presented by Professor Anthony Clunies Ross on Monday, 15 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. This discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Della Wong (tel.: (212) 963-2598).

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Panel discussion

The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, Professor Samuel Huntington, Harvard University, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Federico Mayor, Director-General of UNESCO, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 5 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4060th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Second report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Preliminary Deployment in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/1999/1116)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1130, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/1130) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1130) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1273 (1999).

4061st (private) meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4061st meeting, held in private on 5 November 1999, the Security Council considered the item entitled "Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)". The representatives of Albania, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine were invited, at their request, to participate in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"Mr. Branislav Srdanovic was invited, at Mr. Jovanovic's request, to participate.

"The Permanent Observer of Switzerland to the United Nations was also invited, at his request, in accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, to participate without the right to vote.

"The Security Council heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Bernard Kouchner, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The members of the Council made comments and posed questions in connection with the briefing. Mr. Kouchner responded to the comments and questions posed by members of the Council."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 24th meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

Introduction of revised draft resolutions

The representative of Egypt introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.7/Rev.1.

Action on draft resolutions

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.5 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.29 was adopted without a vote.

Draft decision A/C.1/54/L.28 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.48 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.40/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 137 to 0, with 2 abstentions.

The Committee took action first on an amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.1/Rev.1, contained in document A/C.1/54/L.56, and then on the amended text of draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.1/Rev.1, as follows: the amendment A/C.1/54/L.56 was adopted by a recorded vote of 22 to 1, with 95 abstentions, and the amended draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.1/Rev.1 was also adopted by a recorded vote of 54 to 4, with 73 abstentions.

THIRD COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternatives approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia, Mr. Thomas Hammarberg, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia, in which the representatives of Cambodia, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Japan and Canada took part.

The Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr. Maurice Copithorne, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran in which the representatives of the United States, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, the Dominican Republic, Canada and the Islamic Republic of Iran took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan, in which the representatives of the Sudan, the United States, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cuba, Iraq and China took part.

35th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.46

The representative of Namibia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in document, as well as Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Cameroon, Cyprus, Denmark, Greece, Guinea Bissau, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Mongolia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.50

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Angola, Ecuador and Senegal, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.52

The representative of Sweden, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Belgium, Croatia, France, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Panama, the Republic of Moldova, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Venezuela, introduced the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.24

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of the introduction.

Guinea, Norway, Panama, Tajikistan, the United States and Uzbekistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Bahamas withdrew as sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternatives approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

The Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti, Mr. Adama Dieng, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti, in which the representatives of Haiti, Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Cuba took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Yugoslavia, Mr. Jiri Dienstbier, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Yugoslavia, in which the representatives of Albania, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Denmark, Croatia, the Russian Federation and Cuba took part.

The Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda, Mr. Michel Moussalli, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda in which the representatives of Canada, Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Rwanda took part.

The Director of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, introduced the reports of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq, the Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons, and the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi, who were not able to present their reports and made an introductory statement under sub-item 116 (b).

A statement was made by the representative of Burundi.

The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya spoke on a point of order.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Iraq, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, India, the Russian Federation, Congo and Jamaica.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 28th meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman made a statement regarding the procedure to be followed.

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/101/Rev.1 and A/C.5/54/5)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Gerard Biraud (France), Ms. Norma Goicochea Estenoz (Cuba), Mr. Vladimir V. Kuznetsov (Russian Federation), Ms. Susan M. Shearouse (United States of America) and Mr. Roger Tchoungui (Cameroon) as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000.

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/54/102 and A/C.5/54/6)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Alvaro Gurgel de Alencar Netto (Brazil), Mr. Ju Kuilin (China), Mr. Sergei I. Mareyev (Russian Federation), Mr. Angel Marron (Spain), Mr. Hae-Yun Park (Republic of Korea) and Mr. Ugo Sessi (Italy) as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000.

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/54/103 and A/C.5/54/7)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint the Auditor-General of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2000.

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee(A/54/104 and A/C.5/54/8)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly confirm the appointment of Ms. Francine Bovich (United States of America), Mr. Takeshi Ohta (Japan) and Mr. Peter Stormonth Darling (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000.

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/54/105 and A/C.5/54/9)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Julio Barboza (Argentina) and Mr. Mayer Gabay (Israel) members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000.

(f) Appointment of a member and alternate member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (A/53/112 and A/C.5/54/10)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Amjad Hussain B. Sial (Pakistan) for membership in the United Nations Staff Pension Committee beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2000.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of the Republic of South Africa made a statement.

United Nations common system [126]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Director of the Office of Inter-Agency Affairs of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs presented written replies to the questions raised by members of the Committee during the general discussion on this item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel of the United Nations made a statement.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol.I-III) together with the relevant chapters of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/54/16) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7).

Part IV. International cooperation for development

Trade and development (Part IV, section 11A)

International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

The Committee continued its consideration of section 11A.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil (on sections 9 and 11A); on section 11A, by the United States, Canada, Japan, the Sudan, Egypt, Ethiopia, China, the Bahamas (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Cuba and the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the East African Cooperation), India (on sections 10 and 11A); and on section 11A, by Zambia.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 11A of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 11B. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination made a statement regarding section 11B.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Brazil and Cuba.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to suspend consideration of section 11B pending the submission of the relevant budget document to the Committee.

Section 12. Environment

Section 13. Human settlements

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination made a statement regarding section 12.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China (on sections 12 and 13)); on sections 12 and 13, by Kenya, the United States and Japan; and on section 12, by Uganda and Pakistan.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 28th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece, the Czech Republic, Israel, Germany, Brazil, Bahrain, the Russian Federation, Bangladesh, Italy, Kuwait, Portugal, Cuba and Haiti, and by the observer for Switzerland.

The Special Rapporteur on Unilateral Acts made a statement.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission also spoke.

The Committee thus concluded the debate on this item.

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS
WITH THE HOST COUNTRY 200th meeting

Draft report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (A/AC.154/1999/CRP.1)

The Chairman spoke.

The Rapporteur (Costa Rica) introduced the draft report of the Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Malaysia and the United States.

The Committee approved the report, as orally amended.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, Senegal, and the United States, as well as by the representative of the New York City Commission for the United Nations and Consular Corps.

The Chairman informed the Committee about the Bureau meeting which had preceded the meeting of the Committee.

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
Twenty-first session 10th meeting

Note. The summary of the 10th meeting of the Committee on Information will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/215).

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 1999

1811th meeting

The Committee considered communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant (agenda item 8) in closed session.

The Chairman then declared the sixty-seventh session of the Committee closed.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring. New York, 4 June 1954

Denunciation: Singapore (3 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibits

A Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display from 8 to 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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To mark the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, an international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display from 9 to 21 November 1999. The opening of the exhibit will be held on Tuesday, 9 November, at 6.30 p.m. in the Visitor's Lobby of the General Assembly Building, in the presence of Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, Vendela Thommessen, UNICEF International Spokesperson, and Gerd Poppe, German Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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An exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the Sixteenth to Mid-nineteenth Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until Friday, 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).

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Special event

On the occcasion of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, a special event will be held on Thursday, 11 November 1999, in the General Assembly Hall, immediately following the adjournment of the General Assembly commemoration starting at 10 a.m. The event will be chaired by the President of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab. Other participants will be the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, Ms. Carol Bellamy, the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Mr. Olara Otunnu, the Acting Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Ms. Marilia Sardenberg, and the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Paolo Fulci.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Algeria
H.E. Mr. Abdallah Baali

Asian States:
Viet Nam
H.E. Mr. Ngo Quang Xuan

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Kitts and Nevis
H.E. Mr. Joseph Christmas
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mrs. Claudia Fritsche

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